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Hate Mongers Creep Out Again

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While Adolf Eichmann stands trial in Israel for the murder of six million Jews, some of the Satanic influences

which built up the Nazi system and led to that murder are creeping out from long-time hibernation in the United States.

One of them is George Deatherage, the West Virginia house-painter who wanted to imitate another house-painter in Austria, and who, before Pearl Harbor, organized the Fascist, race-baiting Knights of the White Camellia.

Deatherage was indicted in January, 1943, on a charge of helping to organize a nationwide conspiracy to undermine the loyalty of American troops, but the death of Judge Edward Eicher disrupted the trial before there was a verdict.

However, Deatherage is now back on the job of hate-mongering, this time operating from Satsuma, Fla., with an "America First" letterhead.

The significant aspect of Deatherage's hate-mongering is that it seems to run in the same old groove he employed before Pearl Harbor, and that he is now teaming up with other groups whose goal is to undermine a republican form of government in the United States.



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Deatherage hadn't been heard from since his trial in 1943 until Congressman Henry Reuss, the hard-hitting Wisconsin Democrat, made a speech in the House of Representatives showing how Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, preached the same doctrine as Hitler, both as to hate and as to a covert attempt to undermine a republican form of government.

Immediately, the former Commander of the Knights of the White Camellia popped up out of the wood.

"We have noted your activities in attacking the ultra-conservative and anti-Communist John Birch Society," Deatherage warned. "Inasmuch as it appears that you are anti-anti-Communist, the natural conclusion is that you are pro-Communist and a Soviet sympathizer."

"Part of our activities are those of keeping files on such people in case of an attack on this country by the Soviet; a list of potentially dangerous people who may collaborate with the enemy. With the above in mind we would appreciate a statement of your position if you care to make it. Otherwise the classification will be made on the basis of the data we have."

John Birch Correction

The John Birch Society has taken exception to a statement in a recent column that they charged Dwight Eisenhower with being a "devoted and friendly Communist."

that John Foster Dulles was a 'Communist agent.'

They claim that the John Birch Society has never made this statement. Technically this may be correct.

The statement was made, however, by Robert Welch, founder of the Society, and one of the principles of the Society as laid down by Welch on page 116 of his "Blue Book" is that members "accept direction from their leader."

The philosophy of that leader, as stated on page 267 of his code of principles "The Politician" reads as follows: "My firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Welch further states on page 212 of "The Politician": "For many reasons and after a lot of study, I personally believe Dulles to be a Communist agent."

Goldwater in Reverse

Colleagues of Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater couldn't believe their ears when he suggested at a closed-door Senate House conference that employees of auto dealers be included in the minimum wage bill. Liberal Congressmen had proposed the same thing when the bill was before the House, but there were howls of opposition from Goldwater's friends among the auto dealers.

So when Goldwater brought it up again at the Senate House closed-door conference, suspicious colleagues voted against him and for the auto dealers.

"Has the Senator suddenly gone liberal on us or is this one of his strategies?" questioned John Dem. Pennsylvania Democrat. "I wonder. We were unable to include the auto dealers in the House bill, unfortunately, because if we did so the entire bill would have been defeated. We face the same prospect again if we approve the Senator's proposal. Is that the Senator's aim—to doom the whole bill?"

"There's one thing about you, Barry," broke in Adam Clayton Powell, the Congressman from Harlem and leader of the House conferees. "You don't let any grass grow under your feet. Now you can campaign on both sides of the minimum wage issue, the liberal side and the conservative side."

Goldwater grinned a little sheepishly. Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon continued to rib him.

"Barry, you're not getting anywhere here," said Morse. "It might be a good idea if you took the minimum wage bill home to your wife and let her write it."

"If I did, you can bet it would be more liberal than any bill I would endorse," confessed the gentleman from Arizona.

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